





## To-day's Advertisements.

**DARBO'S PANTOCHES**  
(MARIONETTES).  
EVERY EVENING, AT 9 P.M.  
**TO-MORROW,**  
**THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR.**  
AND A GREAT DAY.  
AT THE MARIONETTES.  
FOR EVERYBODY.  
**SPECIAL MATINEE,**  
AT 4 P.M.  
FULL PROGRAMME.  
ELECTRIC LIGHT.  
CHILDREN'S HALF PRICE.  
In the Evening, at 9 P.M.  
**GRAND NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.**  
PRICES AS USUAL.  
Non-Communist Officers and Men of  
H.M. Forces half-price to Pit and Gallery.  
Plan New Year's Day at the Theatre.  
Misses E. N. & M. D. ARD, Sole Proprietors.  
W. D'ARNO, Stage Manager.  
E. C. CLITHEROW, General Manager.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1894. 2136

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 499.  
INFORMATION has been received from  
the Military Authorities that ARTIL-  
LERY PRACTICE will take place from  
Lyman Fort in North-Easterly, Easterly  
and South-Easterly directions, from the  
3rd to 12th January, 1895, between the  
hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (SUNDAY ex-  
cepted).  
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are  
cautioned to keep clear of the Range.  
By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1894. 2140

**THE PATRONAGE OF EVERY  
COLLECTOR IS SOLICITED.**  
**PHILATELISTS!**  
THE Attention of Dealers and Col-  
lectors is drawn to the fact that the  
First Monthly Magazine devoted to PHIL-  
ATELIES to be known as the "HONG-  
KONG PHILATELIC JOURNAL" will  
begin circulation in JANUARY, 1895.  
The Local Subscription, which is payable  
in advance, will be \$2.00 per annum, and  
\$2.50 for Foreign Subscribers (postage free).  
All Subscriptions received by  
E. J. DE FIGUEIREDO,  
Editor and Publisher.  
P.S.—The First Issue will be made on the  
4th JANUARY, 1895.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1894. 2145

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.**  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).  
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lanced by a recommendation that exchange compensation should be granted to all officers whose domicile is in England or a gold-mining country. It is characteristic of the way in which affairs are administered in Hongkong that the compensation was promptly awarded; the majority of the proposals for retrenchment have not yet been carried into effect.

A largely signed petition was sent home to the House of Commons praying, among other things for an Unofficial majority in the Legislative Council. It looked then as if there was to be at least some show of public spirit in Hongkong, but it turned out to be evanescent and illusory. Private meetings between the Government and the Unofficial Members have been tolerated for the sake of facilitating public business.

It was a misfortune for the Colony that Mr (now Sir) G. T. M. O'Brien, Colonial Secretary, was obliged to leave the Colony about the time the plague broke out. We have often had to do from him in regard to the conduct of public affairs, but he was undoubtedly an able officer. His short stay in the Colony was productive of much improvement in the public offices. He infused a considerable amount of activity into the dry bones of official life, and generally lifted the debates in the Legislative Council to a high level.

The Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council are still fighting for the reduction of the Military Exaction. His Excellency has addressed a despatch to the Secretary of State asking that the contribution be fixed in dollars, at a sum approximating what the Colony paid several years ago.

The persistent representations of the Chamber of Commerce backed up by representations from elsewhere, have resulted in obtaining the election to coin a British dollar.

In the early months of the year a sort of guerrilla warfare was carried on in the western district of the city by thousands of coolies from Kwangtung. One man was killed and several injured by bullets. Armed attacks upon mercantile residents have again become a feature of Hongkong life, thanks to a nervous method of dealing with the Chinese criminal class. Five men are under arrest for being implicated in the murder of a Sikh constable and a Chinaman.

The prevalence of the plague has had a crippling effect on the port, and the fact that it is extremely unlikely that the official reports for the year will show the same satisfactory state of affairs reported for 1893. Shipping in 1893 showed an increase of 196,273 on the tonnage of 1892, the total arrivals and sailings being 14,349,122 tons. By the imposition of quarantine against the port, much traffic was diverted during the summer months of the year, and the absence of the Chinese who fled from the Colony in thousands had a prejudicial effect on commerce.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The O. & O. s.s. *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 4th Dec., and Honolulu to the 11th Dec., left Nagasaki at 6 p.m. on Dec. 29, for this port, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 2.

The P. & O. s.s. *Sedley*, with the outward mail, left Singapore for this port on Thursday, the 27th December, at 7 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 1st Jan. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 25.

The *Empress of China* left Nagasaki for this port, via Shanghai, on Dec. 29.

The s.s. *Arroyo*, from Bombay and Port of call, left Singapore on Dec. 25, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 2.

The P. & O. s.s. *Pekin*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on Dec. 25, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 2.

The s.s. *Montevideo*, left Singapore on Dec. 26, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd Jan.

The s.s. *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on Dec. 26 and may be expected here on or about the 3rd Jan.

The s.s. *Tenniser* left Singapore on the 30th inst., for this port.

The O. & O. s.s. *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., left Nagasaki for this port on the 25th inst., at 6 p.m.

The *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, and left again at 4 p.m. on Monday for Vancouver.

During the week ending Dec. 30, 97 Europeans and 943 Chinese visited the City Hall Museum.

The *Tai Lin* s.s. *Azamor* left Kobe this morning for this port, and may be expected to arrive here on the 6th prox.

The *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai at 3 a.m. to-day, and left at 11 a.m. for Hongkong, where she may be expected to arrive at about 4 p.m. on Wednesday next.

There will be no issue of the *China Mail* to-morrow. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We regret to hear that Dr. Gerlach met with a somewhat serious accident at the park on Saturday night, and is likely to be prevented from carrying out his professional duties for a few days.

TELEGRAM received at Shanghai on the 14th inst. states that mutiny amongst the Chinese troops at Weihaiwei had just been averted by the arrival of money to pay them.

At the last Regular Meeting of the Ethen Mark Lodge, held on Saturday afternoon, Bro. R. Cooke was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year; Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourd was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. J. R. Grimble as Tyler.

This morning, at the Magistrate's Court, Bro. H. E. Wodehouse, the Coroner, about the state of the Government Mortuary. There were no lights there, and he and his confederates had to greatest difficulty in carrying on their work. The examination of the body of the *tron de Grandison*. The condition of the Mortuary was also very unsatisfactory, when the doctors returned to the Mortuary yesterday they found it in the same condition as they had left it at 9 o'clock on the previous evening. Mr Wodehouse asked Hartigan to write to him officially, and to point out the defects complained of were

It is expected Sir Francis Fleming will go to the Bahamas as Governor.

THERE will be a matinee performance of D'Aro's Marionettes to-morrow. The performance commences at four o'clock.

A large party of naval officers and marines arrive to-morrow by the P. and O. steamer *Sedley*.

THERE will be a Watchnight Service in the Union Church to-night, commencing at a quarter past eleven o'clock.

Mr T. Scombe Smith has been appointed Official Receiver, under section 9 of Ordinance 20 of 1891, during the absence of Mr Braco Shephard or until further notice.

NOMINATIONS for the Hongkong Derby closed on Saturday. Twenty-eight nominations were made, an increase of ten on last year.

SEVERAL earthquake shocks were experienced in Rangoon on the 14th inst. Serious damage has been done to Government buildings and other property.

THE Holy Communion will be administered at 7.30 a.m. at St. Peter's Seamen's Church on New Year's day; and there will be a short service with address at 11 a.m.

Mr W. H. Potts, Secretary of the New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., informs that he has received letters from the mines. These letters may be seen at his office.

THE programme of the Annual Races of the Hongkong Jockey Club is published. There will be ten races on Wednesday and Thursday, 20th and 21st Feb., and nine on Friday, 22nd Feb.

We have received a handy desk calendar from Messrs Shaw and Co., agents for the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., and a useful almanac and prospectus issued by the Royal Insurance Co., of which Messrs Mulchers and Co. are the local agents.

"COLONEL" Hicks with his company of Orifolios has made a hit in Shanghai. The audience on the opening night was restricted to the male sex, but the press state there is nothing objectionable in the show. The "Living Pictures" frightened the unco guid.

The Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinances:—The Spirit Licences Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, the Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-Houses, and Markets Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, the Stamp Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, the Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, and the Inanitary Dwellings Ordinance.

It is interesting to note that the total claims in the two cases dealt with by the Tapingshan Resumption Arbitration Board amounted to \$24,896, that the Government offered \$24,436 (or less than half), and that the Board has awarded \$34,101. Speaking roughly, this gives an increase of \$10,000 on the Government offer and a reduction of \$15,000 on the claims of the property owners. There must have been a substantial margin somewhere.

The Chinese Mail (*Wah Tat Yat Po*) reports that the Chinese arrested in Chinese Kowloon for secretly enlisting soldiers for the Japanese under the cloak of going up emigrants, and another Chinaman arrested in the Heang Shau district for the same crime, were decapitated several days ago. A proclamation has been issued by the Yun Yu magistrate warning the people not to follow the example of these two criminals, else they will share the same fate.

THE German steamer *Launing*, which arrived in Hongkong to-day from Europe, brings a large quantity of arms and ammunition. These have been landed at Stonecutters Island, and will probably be shipped to Canton in due course, as have most of the other consignments landed in Hongkong since the war commenced. We believe some attempts were made under the Neutrality Proclamation to detain the munitions of war, but it appears the Hongkong Government was unable to prevent the movement of warlike material which was done at the risk of the parties concerned. It seems strange that ships of war can be detained, but that anything else may be sold to belligerents.

THE annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held on Friday night, when the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Hon. C. P. Chatter, appointed his officers as follows and inducted those who were present:—D.G.S.W., Wor. Bro. F. W. Heuermann, D.G.J.W., Wor. Bro. W. Baker; D.G. Chaplain, Bro. S. St. Aidan Bayliss; D.G. Treasurer, Wor. Bro. S. L. Darby; D.G. Registrar, Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson; D.G. President of the Board of General Purposes, Wor. Bro. A. D. Death; D.G. Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourd; D.G.S.D., Wor. Bro. H. B. Weeks; D.G.J.D., Wor. Bro. H. B. Marshall; D.G. Sup't. of Works, Wor. Bro. P. S. Simmonds; D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. G. A. Caldwell; D.G. Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. F. Cass; D.G. Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. S. J. Bunick; D.G. Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. E. G. Ellis and Wor. Bro. G. M. T. Thomson; D.G. Organist, Bro. O. W. Longuet; D.G. Pursuivant, Bro. T. Spifford; D.G. Asst. Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. F. Salinger; D.G. Stewards, Bro. H. W. Robertson, Bro. G. Moffatt, Bro. T. G. Goward, Bro. A. B. Tounslan, Bro. C. S. Rogers, and Bro. E. G. O'D. Gourd. The Board of General Purposes consisted of Wor. Bro. J. Bryant and Wor. Bro. G. L. Tomlin.

## TAPINGSHAN RESUMPTION ARBITRATION BOARD.

(Arbitrator—His Honour Mr E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Chief Justice, Messrs E. F. Alford and W. Danby.)

Monday, Dec. 31.

The Arbitrators gave judgment this afternoon in the five claims that had been under consideration during the past week. His Lordship intimated that the Board made the following awards:—

A. J. May (Leong Chi Woon) claimed \$5734, the Government offered \$4380, and the Board awarded \$5000.

S. G. Bird claimed \$6000, the Government offered \$2681, the Board awarded \$4700.

China Figo Insurance Co. (Yu Chiu Huan) claimed \$7150, the Government offered \$5355, and the Board awarded \$5820.

Clement Palmer claimed \$23,000, the Government offered \$8662, the Board awarded \$14,000.

Chan Kwai claimed \$7332, the Government offered \$5339, the Board awarded \$4,000.

His Lordship—In order to facilitate the progress of this inquiry and to bring the claimants and the Government closer together in the hope that by so doing the Board will not have to inquire into every case, we beg to state that, broadly speaking, the Board is of opinion that in order to be taken as a fair representation of the total should be taken.

The heavy fall of rentals from 1892-1894 must prepare claimants for some loss, and we should in every future case have clear evidence of the rental returns made by the claimant for the last three years. From the rentals should be deducted:—

Crown Rent; Insurance 1% net; Taxes; annual repairs 5% on value of house exclusive of foundation. The Board will not overlook insanitary conditions or abnormal rents, but, on the other hand, the fact of forcible resumption will not be lost sight of. There are general rules leaving to the Board full discretion to deal with each case on its own merits.

Mr V. H. Deacon—I appear for Mr May, and make application for costs. His Lordship—With the first five cases we are not inclined to refuse costs, but having given them general rules, we reserve the right to refuse costs where we think the claim is exorbitant.

Mr Deacon—How many years' purchase are we to value at? Do you leave that for each case?

His Lordship—It may be for 12 or 14 years.

Mr Shelton Hooper, Secretary, Land Investment Co.—I am mortgagee in Mr May's case, and I would ask the Board to make out the appropriation.

His Lordship—No doubt that will be made in the forms of the Board. Give a note of your claim to Mr Sed and it will be attended to.

The Board adjourned till Thursday next, at 12 o'clock.

## THE LATE BARON DE GRAND-MAISON.

THE VERDICT—MISADVENTURE.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning, Mr H. E. Wodehouse resumed the inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of the Baron de Grandmaison in the Hongkong Hotel on the 27th December.

Mr Bourgeois, the French Vice Consul, was again present.

Dr Stedman (recalled) stated—I did not know the deceased before he came to the Dispensary. I thought he had brought it with him. The syringe is capable of holding 20 drops. It is made of rubber and is marked with the same way, but probably with different measurements. I have never seen one myself. I don't think he would have made a mistake because of the markings on the syringe. Assuming he made a mistake, I think I could explain how it may have occurred. The French hypodermic solution of morphia is weaker than the English B. P. In the relation of 5 to 12, and therefore you would need to administer a larger quantity of fluid to administer an equivalent dose of morphia. If therefore the deceased thought the solution was the same strength as the French, he would give him the larger quantity of fluid, but would get more morphia than he intended in the preparation. I explained to him the difference in the strength. He must either have forgotten what I said to him or taken the overdose intentionally. I imagine he may have taken about 12 grains of morphia or 12 minims. That was sufficient to produce death.

We found in the post-mortem examination of the body that one kidney was almost entirely disorganised—that is to say, it was not a kidney, but a mass of morphia. Morphia acts more energetically and continuously when the kidneys are not performing their proper functions.

His Worship—Is there any means of ascertaining whether the kidneys are performing their ordinary functions?

Dr Stedman—In some cases, yes; in this case, no.

His Worship—Why not in this case?

Dr Stedman—Because there was no urine in the bladder from the diseased kidney. The chief indications of kidney disease during life are obtained from analysis of the urine, but it is possible that one kidney is discharging its proper functions and no true indication would be obtained. I did not make any analysis. I dissected the kidneys, and found the condition of gravel. The existence of gravel does not necessarily indicate kidney disease. If I knew a patient was suffering from kidney disease, I would administer morphia with greater caution.

His Worship—As a medical practitioner would you leave morphia in a patient's possession?

Dr Stedman—Yes, I should. For the reason that it is the patient's property, and I have no more right to take away morphia than a man's revolver.

His Worship—I am not talking about taking away property. It was never suggested, was it?

Dr Stedman—No, never.

His Worship—You say that if you had the knowledge that the kidneys were diseased, you would administer morphia with greater caution; would you still leave it with him to administer himself?

Dr Stedman—It never occurred to me that he had been in the habit of using it himself. He sent for me at midnight to administer morphia for him. Personally, I never order morphia for a patient; I carry it out with me and give it to the patient. But if the patient carries it about with him, and if the doctor has the means of ascertaining the state of the kidneys, he should be in the habit of carrying it about with him, that he left the bottle at Saigon, and I gathered from his conversation that he was not in the habit of administering it himself, but merely carried it with him to save time. It never occurred to me to think of taking his morphia away. Even if I had known his kidneys were diseased, it would have occurred to me to take the morphia away. The deceased, being in urgent pain on the morning he took his fatal dose and believing he was using the same solution he had been in the habit of using, he might have given himself a stronger dose, which he might have done with safety in the French solution. Even if he

had given himself half a grain of the English solution it might have injured him. His Worship—How did you diagnose the case?

Dr Stedman—As one of gravel in the kidneys.

Dr Hartigan (recalled) stated—I made a post-mortem examination on the body of the deceased yesterday, along with Mr Marques and Dr Stedman. We found the organs of the body in a healthy state with the exception of the left kidney which was simply a bag full of fluid—the substance was gone. The right kidney was about its normal size but deeply congested. We knew from its appearance that the right kidney had been doing the work of both kidneys. I am of opinion that the immediate cause of death was caused by morphia poisoning, but I believe the state of the kidney contributed to death. Had it not been for the morphia poisoning the man might have gone on living for a long time, if there was no accident to the remaining kidney. The deceased was in the habit of taking for over two years' standing. I did not find any gravel or stone, but the state of the kidney must have been caused by gravel. I have heard the evidence of Dr Stedman.

His Worship—Have you any remarks to make on it?

Dr Hartigan—No, I did not detect any traces of alcohol either before or after death. In the case of an overdose of morphia, we look for a low temperature; but the height of the temperature in this case was due to uræmia. That is only conjecture. It could not be due to the morphia applied. While in attendance on the deceased I drew off some urine from the bladder and found it showed the kidney was very much congested then, but not necessarily diseased. I would have been of opinion that the morphia would have produced uremia even in a healthy kidney. In my opinion it was quite the proper thing for the doctor to administer morphia even if the kidneys were diseased. It is usual to administer morphia if the patient is in great pain. Under the circumstances, as I found the morphia there when I was called in and the morphia was in the habit of using it, but if he had had a regular patient of mine I would never have thought of taking morphia there and leaving it with him.

Dr Marques also gave evidence of the post-mortem examination.

His Worship—I am sorry that the dissection of this morphia, which was evidently dispensed in a perfectly good faith, has led to this sad fatality. There has no doubt been a distinct breach of the local law in so dispensing the drug, and it must be some satisfaction to the dispenser to find that no use was made of the drug until after a medical practitioner had been called in. With regard to the case, there appears to be no real fault on the part of the deceased, but the overdose of morphia administered, that it was not taken with any intention of committing suicide, and that when it was taken deceased was in sound mind. My finding therefore is that he died from an overdose of morphia, self-administered, the overdose being probably due to accident.

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Mr Bourgeois, the French Vice Consul, was again present.

Dr Stedman (recalled) stated—I did not know the deceased before he came to the Dispensary. I thought he had brought it with him. The syringe is capable of holding 20 drops. It is made of rubber and is marked with the same way, but probably with different measurements. I have never seen one myself. I don't think he would have made a mistake because of the markings on the syringe. Assuming he made a mistake, I think I could explain how it may have occurred. The French hypodermic solution of morphia is weaker than the English B. P. In the relation of 5 to 12, and therefore you would need to administer a larger quantity of fluid to administer an equivalent dose of morphia. If therefore the deceased thought the solution was the same strength as the French, he would give him the larger quantity of fluid, but would get more morphia than he intended in the preparation. I explained to him the difference in the strength. He must either have forgotten what I said to him or taken the overdose intentionally. I imagine he may have taken about 12 grains of morphia or 12 minims. That was sufficient to produce death.

We found in the post-mortem examination of the body that one kidney was almost entirely disorganised—that is to say, it was not a kidney, but a mass of morphia. Morphia acts more energetically and continuously when the kidneys are not performing their proper functions.

His Worship—Is there any means of ascertaining whether the kidneys are performing their ordinary functions?

Dr Stedman—In some cases, yes; in this case, no.

His Worship—Why not in this case?

Dr Stedman—Because there was no urine in the bladder from the diseased kidney. The chief indications of kidney disease during life are obtained from analysis of the urine, but it is possible that one kidney is discharging its proper functions and no true indication would be obtained. I did not make any analysis. I dissected the kidneys, and found the condition of gravel. The existence of gravel does not necessarily indicate kidney disease. If I knew a patient was suffering from kidney disease, I would administer morphia with greater caution.

His Worship—As a medical practitioner would you leave morphia in a patient's possession?

Dr Stedman—Yes, I should. For the reason that it is the patient's property, and I have no more right to take away morphia than a man's revolver.

His Worship—I am not talking about taking away property. It was never suggested, was it?

Dr Stedman—No, never.

His Worship—You say that if you had the knowledge that the kidneys were diseased, you would administer morphia with greater caution; would you still leave it with him to administer himself?

Dr Stedman—It never occurred to me that he had been in the habit of using it himself. He sent for me at midnight to administer morphia for him. Personally, I never order morphia for a patient; I carry it out with me and give it to the patient. But if the patient carries it about with him, and if the doctor has the means of ascertaining the state of the kidneys, he should be in the habit of carrying it about with him, that he left the bottle at Saigon, and I gathered from his conversation that he was not in the habit of administering it himself, but merely carried it with him to save time. It never occurred to me to think of taking his morphia away. Even if I had known his kidneys were diseased, it would have occurred to me to take the morphia away. The deceased, being in urgent pain on the morning he took his fatal dose and believing he was using the same solution he had been in the habit of using, he might have given himself a stronger dose, which he might have done with safety in the French solution. Even if he

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There was very little wind. The *Elfin* went off with a slight lead which she kept round Stonecutters, and after the boats had been out some time, without speaking distance of each other, the *Elfin* got a wind and sailed away, leaving the *She* becalmed for a further 10 minutes. They crossed the line for the first time as follows:—

*Elfin* ..... 2. 4  
*She* ..... 2. 13

The wind being stronger up the harbour, the *Elfin* slightly increased her lead, till the *She* getting into the same fresh breeze soon caught up and rounded the Channel Rocks about a minute after the *Elfin*. The *She* won on time allowance.

The total scores now are:—

*Elfin* ..... 26  
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*Elton* ..... 10  
*Mary Ann* ..... 10

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## ARRIVAL OF H. M. S. "GIBRALTAR."

H. M. S. "Gibraltar," Capt. MacLeod, arrived on Sunday morning from Portsmouth. She carries relief crews for ships on the China Station. She left Portsmouth on the 17th inst. and made the usual run, calling at Gibralter, Malta, Port Said, Suez and Aden. She left Colombo on the 15th inst., and with the exception of a little rough weather at the outset and again in the China Sea, the voyage has been what one of the officers termed placid and uneventful.

The following is a list of the ship's officers:—

Captain Angus MacLeod, Commander Oliver A. Stokes, Lieutenant W. Stoddart, Staff Paymaster A. W. Ansham, Staff Engineer William H. Matthews, Engineer Herbert B. T. Cox, Captain Fitzroy T. H. Scott, M.M.L.T., Chaplain Rev. Richard S. Hartley, Gunner William Martin, Boatswain William Platt, Carpenter Benjamin J. Richards.

There are 600 people all told on board, of whom 24 officers and 332 men are for the ships on the China station, the list of officers being:—

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The *Gibraltar* has been loading coal to-day, and after provisioning and taking in stores, &c., she will leave (probably on Monday next) for the Chinese coast, and is expected to remain on this station for some time.

ARRIVAL OF THE "ORISTES."

The s.s. *Oristes*, Capt. Purford, which arrived from Liverpool yesterday, is one of the new H.M. steamers, the first of six which are to be added to the Company's fleet. Her dimensions are length 300 feet, breadth 47 feet, depth 23.4 feet and depth of hold 26.4 feet. Her speed being 19 knots. Being fitted with every appliance in accordance with the most recent designs and with the most modern appliances for working cargo she is well worth a visit. She has seven cargo holds, and no less than 25 derricks, use large ones capable of lifting 35 tons, others fitted on the masts lifting 15 tons, and a number of smaller ones lifting 5 tons. Being fitted with the latest machinery she is especially fitted with telegraphic mail, the shortest of which give her a most unusual appearance. The foremost masts are 47 feet, the main-mast rises 48 feet 5 inches above the deck and the top-mast has an altitude of 35 feet. The vessel is fitted with the electric light throughout, the installation and the dynamo being by J. H. Holmes & Co. of Newcastle-on-Tyne. In addition to the main incandescent lights, the *Oristes* carries her own search light for use in the Canal. Her engines, which are of the triple expansion type, the cylinders measuring 60 in., 47 in. and 25 respectively, are fitted with Stephenson's link motion and with steam reversing gear, the makers being Scott & Co. of Glasgow. Amongst the other appliances in the engine room are:—Weir's superheater and feed pumps, feed-heaters, Harris's patent water filter, and a powerful ballast pump. In the boiler room there are two double-ended multitubular boilers with corrugated furnaces, and patent automatic water gauge glasses, which carry 170 lbs. of steam, whilst a steam hoist has been provided for the removal of the ash from the stockhold. The *Oristes* is fitted with stringers and frames of enormous strength, and carries water ballast tanks throughout, having a capacity of 855 tons. Another novel feature may be noted in the fact that she possesses safety bulkheads in three tunnels.

The homeward German and French mails which left Singapore on the 30th November by the H. M. D. *Laurea* and the *Oristes* and the H. M. s.s. *Saghalien* were both delivered in London on the 14th inst.

It is reported, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that the most serious troubles in Manila. Serious defections have been discovered in the Treasury, the sum of money missing being stated to be no less than \$800,000. The president, the secretary, and the cashier to the Treasury have been placed under arrest. It is also reported that the Spanish officers of the *Mirandola*, having a considerable amount of money in their hands deposited it with a foreign trader; he and the \$300,000 are now missing.

REFERRING to the statement that his Excellency Chang Ying-huan, ex-Minister to the United States, Spain and Peru, now Chinese Senior Vice-President of the Board of Revenue, and ex-Chief of the Board of Revenue, now transferred to be acting Governor of Hunan, have been appointed Joint Ambassadors to Japan to enquire what terms Japan will demand to bring the present war to an end, the *N. O. Daily News* says that Shao Yü-hien is at present in Shanghai, and it is expected that his colleagues, Chang Ying-huan, will travel overland to reach Shanghai, starting with as little delay as possible.



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